

CHAPTER THREE

CONCLUSION

After having analysed the elements of plot in Tell Me Your Dreams, I can conclude that Sidney Sheldon is a skilful thriller novelist due to the fact that he succeeds not only in producing a good story which makes the readers feel satisfied after having read the novel but also in creating the elements of suspense, surprise, and artistic unity so perfectly that these elements make the story become interesting to read.

Most of the elements of suspense in Sidney Sheldon's Tell Me Tour Dreams are full of mysteries so as to make the readers wonder as well as question about both the fate of the main character and the plot of the story itself. The readers may ask whether the main character can be set free from a series of murders and whether she can get a new life that she dreams or not. Not only does the suspense make the readers feel anxious about what will happen next, but it also gives tension in the readers' minds by some events which show terrifying situations and shocking atmosphere. It makes the readers feel that they are brought into the story and experience the story as though they are the main characters in the story.

The second element, which is surprise, is so great that it makes the readers feel shocked by some events due to the fact that they appear unexpectedly and unpredictably in the story. Those events show very unusual and strange things so that the readers will be surprised, for example when three different characters turn out to be a single main character. Furthermore, all murders are committed by one character that is dominant in killing the victims so that two other characters do not know about what happens to the victims.

Based on my analysis about suspense and surprise above, I can say that suspense and surprise are linked together to make artistic unity so that the plot in the story will be well-twisted. Sidney Sheldon puts suspense as well as surprise in the right order and interestingly gives the readers unexpected events in order that the readers will enjoy the novel and they will not feel bored in reading until the end of the story. In other words, the three elements in Tell Me Your Dreams are related to one another to make the story simple to be understood.

Generally, in a thriller novel, suspense must be the most important element because the purpose of a thriller novel is to make the readers feel the tension and curiosity in their minds. Then, when the readers are trapped in the suspense, they are turned into the unexpected results which make them feel surprised. On account of that, the artistic unity appears as the result of the strong collaboration of suspense and surprise in the story so as to make a good story. Obviously, the example can be seen through the novel, Tell Me Your Dreams. At first, the readers do not know what really happens. The readers only know that the three characters are ordinary people who commit serial murders with the same method. When the story goes on, there are explanations about the real thing that happens and the cause of the

murders. Those explanations also tell the readers all about the main character, whose name is Ashley, who often has a loss of memory, for instance when she hears that her boyfriend gets killed. The readers wonder why Ashley does not go to his house and why he gets killed. Then the readers feel surprised through the statement of her other personality, named Toni Prescott, when they know that she actually comes to his house. What's more, I can find from the novel that Ashley suffers MPD for the simple reason that she is molested by her father when she is still very young, in Rome (where Alette is born) and London (where Toni is born).

Based on my analysis of suspense and surprise in the novel, I find that the element of suspense in the novel, Tell Me Your Dreams, is better than the element of surprise due to the fact that it makes the readers feel curious and strained when reading the story. On the other hand, the element of surprise in this novel is so deep to cover the element of suspense that it makes the readers feel surprised after they know the real fact which they never expect before, for instance when they know that Ashley, Alette and Toni are the same person.

From the reasons above, I am able to conclude that Sidney Sheldon is great and successful in uniting those three elements into the plot of the story so that it becomes relevant and exciting to read, for the simple reason that the three elements of plot, which are suspense, surprise and artistic unity, are blended in the plot of the story. It is not surprising that Sidney Sheldon's Tell Me Your Dreams turns out to be one of his most famous thriller novels.

